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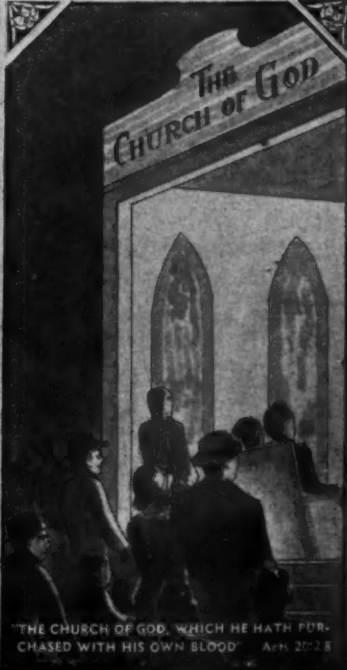
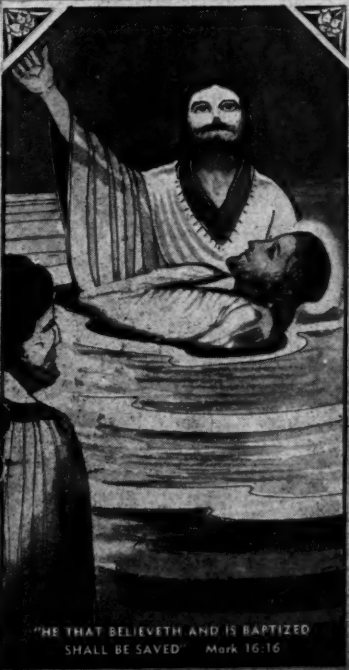
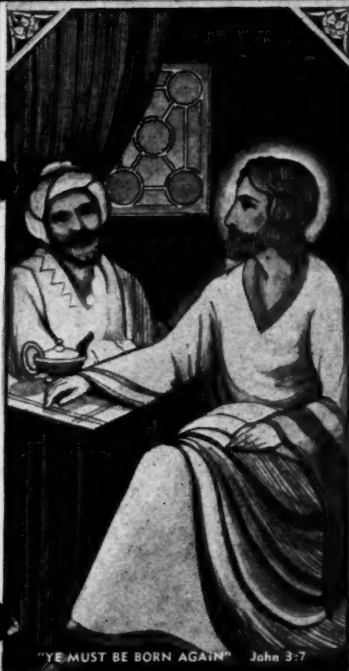
If my Master always led me
On by waters still,
Left no sharp stones in my pathway,
Thwarted not my human will,

Let me have the thing I long for,
Human love without alloy,
Always true and kind and tender,
Filling all my days with joy;

Then how dim would grow my vision
Of that face so marred for me,
Of the thorn-crown, and the blood-sweat,
There in dark Gethsemane.

So I thank Him, yes, I thank Him,
That He lets our earth-joys dim,
Mixes wormwood with life's nectar,
Till our hearts cry out for Him.

—Christian Observer.





Someone please come to Cottonwood, Ala. and conduct a meeting. There is lots of work to be done here and it is badly needed.—A sister, Mattie Lou Ray, Cottonwood, Ala.

There will be home coming at Parrott, Va. the fifth Sunday in July. Everybody is invited to come and bring your musical instruments with you. We are expecting Brother Dorman, our state overseer, to be with us. Pray for us.—Vance Perkins, district overseer, E. R. Kirk pastor.

We are in a Church of God meeting at Hardy. God has sent help. It is a battle and may be hard to get finance, so pray that souls may be blessed.—Hazel Bonine.

TENNESSEE STATE CAMP MEETING, JULY 20-30, 1939

Dear Evangel readers: Do you realize it is only one more week until the Tennessee state camp meeting will be a reality? We have all read about camp meetings, talked about them, sung about them, but now we are going to really have one. Ten days of spiritual feasting, good singing and some of the best speakers the Church of God affords. Among the distinguished speakers will be J. H. Walker, General Overseer; R. P. Johnson, Assistant General Overseer; S. W. Latimer, Editor and Publisher; E. J. Boehmer, General Secretary and Treas.; A. V. Beaubé, overseer of South Carolina; James Slay, Jr., evangelist, of Alabama; Sister Helen L. Morrow, evangelist; Miss Margaret James, and others. Alida B. Harrison, Editor of the Lighted Pathway, will be in charge of the young people's Bible study. Make your plans to attend the camp meeting.

There are only a few furnished rooms left in the dormitory that may be had for \$2.00 for the ten days. Unfurnished rooms can be secured for \$1.00. Make your reservations at once. Bring your pillows and linens. Address all inquiries and communications to Clifford Jenkerson, Bible Training School, Sevierville, Tenn.—Lee Bell.

The East St. Louis district convention will convene at the Lincoln Avenue Church of God, 1716 Lincoln Avenue, East St. Louis, July 21, 22, and 23d. All pastors on the district are asked to discontinue services at local churches and come to the convention. Bring a special mission offering. Have a good report! We are also expecting other ministers of this state and surrounding states to be present.

Come on, East St. Louis district, let's keep the devil on the run.—C. T. Dunn, district overseer, E. St. Louis district, Ill.

I should like to have a sister who can play some instrument (preferably stringed instrument) to travel with me. I prefer someone who can sing, who is single and not over twenty-one years of age. I am in the evangelistic work in Pennsylvania at present. Please write to Miss Eleanor Verrico, 468 Park St., Rochester, Pa.

Since the death of my husband I am spending many hours in prayer. If you have special requests on any line, or special tests, if you will write me I will hold you up to the throne of grace until deliverance comes. If Pauline Givens sees this, please write me at once.—Anna Boyer, Rt. 3, Box 201, Tucson, Ariz.

The Church of God at Sipsey Bend, Ala. will have all day service with dinner on the ground July 30. Brother Row Hood, a Baptist minister, will bring the message at 11:00 o'clock. The rest of the day will be devoted to singing. Please pray for our revival which begins July 16. Brother Claudie Taylor of Lawrenceburg, Tenn. will do the preaching. Come over and help us.—Avis L. Hasford, clerk, Double Springs, Ala.

There will be a home-coming day at the Church of God at Ludville, Ga. the 3rd Sunday in July. Everybody is invited to come bring your song books and musical instruments. We are expecting a high day in Zion. Bring baskets of lunch and we will spread together.—Don O. Tatum, Rt. 2, Talking Rock, Ga.

We highly appreciate the goodness of the Lord, for He is so mindful of His children. The past few weeks our services have been on the upward move. Our revival begins tonight, July 1st, with Brother Cleo Watts of Riverside, Calif., doing the preaching. We have been looking forward to this time to be a great gathering of souls. We are preparing for our state camp meeting which begins July 31. Now come on Texas pastors, let's take our state overseer a nice box of groceries, especially canned foods which can be prepared quickly. I am sure this will be appreciated. Pray for God to save many souls in our revival.—J. T. Melton, pastor, 152 Commerce St., Ladonia, Texas.

We want the world to know we are having a good tent meeting at Donna, Tex. We're having good crowds and attention, so pray for me that I may preach the Word so straight that hungry souls will pray thru to victory. There have been four conversions, one sanctified and

one received the Holy Ghost. We plan on setting a church in order here at the close of the revival. There are several members living here and they have already paid for a lot. Some of you good prayer warriors who know what it means to be in a foreign field like we are here in this Spanish country, pray for us.—R. O. Woodruff, 501 W. Stubbs St., Edinburg, Tex.

We are in the midst of a great revival here at Nolan, W. Va. with Mrs. Ruby Coy of Maysville, Ky. as evangelist. Many are coming to the altar, some have prayed thru. I am assisting Sister Coy.—W. B. Branham, pastor, Chattoe, W. Va.

We are beginning a revival here at Bethel, near Isola, Miss. Please pray that the people will get interested in their souls and give their hearts to Jesus. Brother Sam Webb will be in charge of the revival. Pray that God will strengthen his efforts.—Mr. Willie Durr, Rt. 1, Box 15, Isola, Miss.

We are planning all day service at the Church of God at Wadesboro, N. C. the 4th Sunday in July. Everybody is invited to come. Bring a well-filled basket. Come praying that God will give us a great day in Him. We are also beginning a revival at that time. Sister Margaret Jacobs in charge. Please pray and come help us.—Mrs. Fred L. Davis, 245 Sikes Ave., Wadesboro, N. C.

To the Churches of God on the Huntington district and other churches: We, the Church of God at Hubball, W. Va. are planning an all day singing the 5th Sunday in July. We invite all good singers to come and bring your music and enjoy this good feast with us. We ask all that will to come, for everyone is welcome. We will begin the services at 9:45 a. m. and close at 4:00 p. m. We are expecting to have Brother M. M. Mortenson and wife with us and render some good songs.—Ezra Johnson, pastor, Barboursville, W. Va.

We, the Church of God saints of Edinburg Mission, McAllen, Harlingen and Donna are in a revival at Donna, Tex. We need your prayers. Ask God to give us many souls and that we may have a church here.—Mrs. Brown.

FOR SALE: One portable amplifier and phonograph combination, complete with speaker, microphone and connection for stringed instruments. One mandolin, with case, one banjo, one 110 volt generator that works by a car fan belt, furnishes light for tent, brush arbor or schoolhouse in rural districts. All are in

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The Life That Knows No Defeat

BY C. W. FLORENCE

"I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me," Phil. 4:13.

These words contain a great boast, but Paul knew whereof he was speaking. He had tried Christianity under all conditions and circumstances in life, and found it equal to every emergency. Someone might say that the circumstances under which he penned these words testify against him. He was a captive, held in prison, when he longed to be among his congregations.

It is said of Samuel Rutherford that he was exiled from his lovely parish and cast into the cold, gray prison at Aberdeen; but he wrote letters of consolation to his flock, dating them not from the prison-house but from "my Lord's palace at Aberdeen." The cold, dingy prison was transformed into a palace where he held high converse with his Lord.

To Paul the prison became a pulpit from which were sounded words of eternal life. The enemies had cast him into prison hoping thereby to stop the spread of Christianity, but Paul turned it into a great opportunity to tell others of the Christ. The whole imperial guard heard the story of Jesus and the apostle's letters went to the uttermost parts of the earth. There is no defeat here. I am speaking on the subject "The Life that Knows no Defeat."

In Christ Jesus Paul found sufficient power to do all things that he was meant to do. We can do all things through Christ which strengthens us. Christianity is not, as some believe, an added burden to life; but it is a dynamo that in a wonderful way aids us to carry the burdens of life. Just as in a great factory where all the power is generated in one spot, perhaps by one engine, and is all conveyed and distributed to each part so that every wheel is turned and every hammer lifted with complete efficiency; so in Jesus, the child of God receives that power which is for the task at hand. Glory to God in the highest!

The difference between the man who is only under the influence of the world and the man who is in Christ, is the difference between a sail ship and a great steamer. The sail ship may be drifted out of its course or arrested in its progress by contrary winds, and if the winds fail altogether the ship will lay idle and cannot move. The man who is of the world, the world does with him what it likes. There is no driving power within, it is all from without. He is at the mercy of the wind and waves. But he that is in Christ is like a steamer plowing its way across the briny deep, not depending upon the powers from without nor hindered very much

by them, but steadily driven forward in sunny and in stormy weather by the power that is within. It is Christ within the soul that is pushing us forward. There is assurance and steadfastness that you fail to find in the man of the world.

The man without Christ knows not whither he is going nor can he make progress to any extent by his own will. He is at the mercy of the surrounding influences. But the child of God has one aim in view, one purpose in life, and no storm, however severe it may be, can drive him from his course. He that gives the power to go forward is also our Guide and the goal will be reached. Praise the Lord. The power within gives us confidence to attempt the most difficult task to which Christ calls us. He summons us to tasks that are quite beyond us, but they are not beyond Him. Sometimes we seem to be ill-fitted for the work to which we have been called, but in Him and through Him we shall succeed.

When Westcott was quite an elderly man, having spent all his life as a professor at Cambridge, he was suddenly called to the great task of Bishop of Durham. He had no experience along those lines. He had no practical knowledge of the work, having spent many years as a teacher. When the call came he said he

felt no fitness for the place but he was willing to surrender all to God. And what were the results? This frail scholar went from the classroom to the bustling mining population of Durham, and as bishop he was found as efficient as he had been a teacher. We are made complete and efficient in Christ and not in ourselves. Difficulties will vanish when we are driven forward by His divine power. Hallelujah, I feel that power now!

It is said that a great musician visited a friend in the country, and his host took him to church on Sunday. Several weeks later, as he was visiting there again and was invited to go to the same church, he refused with these words, "I will not go with you unless you can take me to hear someone who will tempt me to do the impossible." This is what Christ is ever doing,—tempting us to do the impossible.

Paul stood in the center of the Roman empire, planning to take it for God. This is the faith and courage that Christ inspires in those that follow Him. "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

Brother, the task you are called to do is not too great for you. God will furnish the power and He expects you to furnish the man. You say, "I would join the church; I would be a Christian, but I can not live right." You can't by yourself but Paul said, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." Will you not make a new consecration to Him?

Jesus of Nazareth

BY C. E. FRENCH

"Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God," Acts 2:22.

In the year of A. D. 28, during the reign of Emperor Tiberius, there appeared on the banks of the lower Jordan, a man preaching the gospel of repentance for the remission of sins. He protested against Jewish nationalism and warned them that if they did not reform God would raise up a people that would walk after Abraham, if He had to do it with stones. "God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham," Luke 3:8. He depicted the finish and dire destruction of their barren theology, and demanded that they furnish some fruits of their profession, O ye vipers, bring some fruits meet for repentance, and remember that the axe is laid at the root of the trees. He admonished them to prepare for the mighty One (Jesus of Nazareth). In preparation for the advent of Christ both Jews and Gentiles came out to hear and be baptized of him in Jordan. For every caste he had the same stern message, "REPENT YE."

Among those to come to him was Jesus

of Nazareth. He was attracted by his fearlessness and uncompromising message. Jesus came to fulfill all righteousness and prepare for His earthly mission.

Since the birth of Jesus we've only heard of Him once, and now in His second advent God places His approval upon Him as He speaks from the heavens. "This is my BELOVED Son in whom I am well pleased." Matt. 3:17. The new light which dawns upon Jesus is followed by a period of temptation, and during this pressing time He must choose the basis from which He will perform His work. Shall it be spiritual or material? Beginning with the world and its lusts, the devil presents Him all three realms of the human experience—the physical, mental, and spiritual.

After a forty-day fast and preparation Jesus is hungry, the physical man yearns for food and sustenance, then the devil suggests "If thou be the Son of God, command these stones to become bread." God is the source of life, therefore "man shall not live by bread alone but by ev-

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EDITORIALS

To Whom It May Concern

I have had several inquiries lately by mail, and several have talked to me personally, stating that it has been generally reported that I was planning to leave the Church. This is absolutely false and without foundation. I have done everything that lay within my power for the Church and I am not fixing to leave it. I love the Church of God and its doctrine and have proved by the sacrifice I have made and the things I have suffered that I do love it, and I am still standing for the old time, Bible doctrine. I haven't changed since I joined the Church years ago. Those who are spreading the untruthful things concerning me leaving the Church are certainly without any authority whatever, and please do not believe them.

Are You Coming?

By an eye of faith we can see our people gathering from the North, South, East and West, leaving home and cares and coming to have a real refreshing from God's presence. Automobiles, trains, and buses will be moving toward Atlanta, Ga., in time to reach the city by the evening of October 11. Yes, be sure and be there for the first service. Ample provision will be made for the entertainment of all who come. If you wish to know more about the city or make reservations, write W. T. Nelson, 1018 State St., Atlanta, Ga.

The Sixth Trumpet

"And the sixth angel sounded, and I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God, saying to the sixth angel which had the trumpet, Loose the four angels which are bound in the great river Euphrates. And the four angels were loosed, which were prepared for an hour, and a day and a month, and a year for to slay the third part of men. And the number of the

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This paper reserves the right to condense reports, testimonies, etc., to a conformity of a proper allowance of space.

army of the horsemen were two hundred thousand; and I heard the number of them. And thus I saw the horses in the vision, and them that sat on them, having breastplates of fire, and of jacinth, and brimstone: and the heads of the horses were as the heads of lions; and out of their mouths issued fire and smoke and brimstone. By these three was the third part of men killed, by the fire, and by the smoke, and by the brimstone, which issued out of their mouths. For their power is in their mouth, and in their tails: for their tails were like unto serpents, and had heads, and with them they do hurt. And the rest of the men which were not killed by these plagues yet repented not of the works of their hands, that they should not worship devils, and idols of gold and silver and brass, and stone, and of wood: which neither can see, nor hear, nor walk: neither repented they of their murders, nor of their sorceries, nor of their fornication, nor of their thefts," Rev. 9:13-21.

The great tribulation is at this time running its course, and when the sixth angel shall sound there will be a voice from the altar which is before God. It seems that there are four horns of the golden altar which will sound. This voice will give orders to the six angels which hold the six trumpets. They will be ordered to loose the four angels which are bound in the great river Euphrates. We conclude that there will be four special angels bound near this great river. It was at this river that the human race first came into existence. It was at this place that Satan triumphed over our forefathers and where Babylon was doomed. It seems that God has four angels bound there to finish destruction on those that reject Him. John beheld this scene and announced that the four angels were loosed. Of course this is all in the future but it will really happen.

These four angels will be leaders of a great and infernal army. John describes them as horsemen. "Horse" in the Bible represents power and these characters described as riding these horses denote power and authority wielded over the people.

The color of the horse is an indication of punishment. The white horse represents purity and in the first two verses of the sixth chapter of Revelation it represents deception. The red horse represents war and bloodshed; the black horse, famine and death. The pale horse represents starvation and want. In verse 16 of our scripture lesson, these horses represent demon powers. It is said that their number is equal to 200,000,000. Some think that this will be the Turkish army or some other organized government with its soldiers. But this is not true. These are demon powers from the pit, that God uses to punish the people that would not believe His truth. They will resemble horses but they will have heads like lions. They will be enveloped in a breastplate that represents fire and brimstone. With these coats of protection they will be able to defy any attack that the beast's army may make upon them.

Brother Lee, in his book on prophecy, says that this destruction will last for eighteen months, that is, including the different times when destruction is turned loose on the people.

This special army will kill the people by fire and smoke and brimstone from their mouths. Their power will be in their mouths and in their tails. They will hurt with their tails but will kill with the fire and smoke that issues from their mouths.

These riders will be wrapped in a sulphuric coat of mail, the very elements of hell. They will not really ride earthly horses but demons from hell.

In our previous editorials it was stated that the locusts were not to kill men but were to punish them for five months. But this great army will actually kill the inhabitants of earth.

It seems that all these calamities would cause the remnant that is left to repent, but the Bible says, "They repented not." v. 20.

It is believed that at this time in the tribulation week, all the good people will be gone except the 144,000. No demon power will be able to touch the 144,000 during the tribulation week. All the inhabitants of earth will be given to idolatry and worship of devils, that is, except the 144,000. They will be given to sorcery, fornication, and theft and with all the judgments that will be upon them, they will not repent. The sorcerers will be given to telling fortunes and will influence many people to trust in their ungodly and untruthful messages, and will create awful crime and influence of evil throughout the land. All self-respect and chastity will be gone, and the whole earth will be given up to lustful demons. Selfishness will prevail and no one will care for others. It will be a time when the influences of evil that are read about and

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The PERRY-SCOPE

Treasures—New and old From Far and Near

Conducted by SAM C. PERRY, 52 N. W. 35th St., Miami, Fla.

"And these are the words that the Lord spake concerning Israel and concerning Judah. For thus saith the Lord; We have heard a voice of trembling, of fear, and not of peace. Ask ye now, and see whether a man doth travail with child? wherefore do I see every man with his hands on his loins, as a woman in travail, and all faces are turned into paleness? Alas! for that day is great, so that none is like it: it is even the time of Jacob's trouble, but he shall be saved out of it. For it shall come to pass in that day, saith the Lord of hosts that I will break his yoke from off thy neck, and will burst thy bonds, and strangers shall no more serve themselves of him: But they shall serve the Lord their God, and David their king, whom I will raise up unto them," Jer. 30:4-9.

No people of earth have ever suffered as God's ancient people Israel. From the days of their Egyptian bondage they have suffered at the hands of their enemies. They have been hated, robbed, murdered and scattered to the ends of the earth.

The wave of persecution they are meeting in the world today seems to be more far-reaching than for many years. Perhaps this is that last one which is to precede the great deliverance so long promised. Other conditions in the world lead us to believe that time is near.

Many thousands of Jewish refugees in Europe are seeking a home, and no nation is willing to accept them in large numbers. Some have come to the United States, some have gone to Scandinavian countries, Argentina, Brazil etc. It seems that the times of the Gentiles are about up. Israel's sufferings will increase still more, but her deliverance is assured; for, according to Paul, there will come out of Zion a Deliverer. The Lord has declared that of all the nations He will make an end, but not so of His ancient people Israel whom He hath bound to Himself forever by covenant.

In spite of all the terrorism and setbacks in Palestine, the Jewish population at the end of 1938 was estimated at 450,000, as compared with 420,000 at the end of 1937.

Rescued from "no man's land" on the frontier between Poland and Germany, where they had been living for three months, fifty-four Jewish children recently arrived in England. They are the first of several hundred who will be taken into English homes and taught trades

to fit them to emigrate to the Dominions when they are eighteen. Although most of the children are between six and sixteen, there was one child of eighteen months.

For those non-Italian Jews who were unable to leave Italy by March 12, a concentration camp was prepared on an island off the coast of Italy. Nine-tenths of the 12,000 Jews affected by this expulsion had no idea where to go, seeking desperately some way of escape.

During 1939 the Jewish people invested \$21,204,425 in Palestine. This is striking evidence of their aspirations and determination to upbuild the Holy Land.

American Persecution

That persecution will ere long strike at the Jews in the United States and Canada was predicted by Dr. French Oliver, the evangelist and Bible teacher, in an address in Knox Presbyterian church, Toronto, Canada (Globe and Mail; Toronto, July 12). Basing his remarks on the prophecies of Ezekiel (chapters 38 and 39), he urged the return of the Jews to Palestine, warning them of the fate which awaited them in America, as in other countries.

"There are movements on foot of a very serious nature," the speaker assured his hearers. "I don't know whether you are aware of the hold the Jews have in the administration (of the U. S.) . . . There are many of them in positions of authority, in positions of advisers. There is a growing resentment of their genius, their skill, of their talent and ability."

The prospect which the speaker held out to the Jews after their return to the land of promise was not likely, however, to greatly accelerate their immigration thither from America. Bolshevism and Fascism would sweep down on them, and two-thirds of them would be destroyed. The unconverted Jew who heard him might well answer: "If such be the conditions soon to prevail in Palestine, it were better for me to endure the persecutions that you foresee here. In either case suffering is to be my lot, and I fear the American people less than those of Europe. I will remain here, and if I perish, I perish."

That Israel will return to the land of their fathers is certain. But their going back will be in unbelief, and will not be

hastened by the recital of the woes that they will encounter. The ministry of the Church to the Jew is one of witness to the "power of God unto salvation," of the gospel, and also, during these days of trouble, to minister the cup of cold water and such other loving consolation as is possible.

We question whether persecution of the Jew will ever prevail widely in America. Certain nations seem to be indicated by our Lord (Matt. 25) which are to deal kindly with his brethren. That there are elements of the population, some even professedly Christian, who are bitter of tongue, is true today. But that is not the spirit of the majority nor we believe, will it be in the days yet to come.—*Alliance Weekly*.

American Jews numbering 4,500,000 raised over \$9,000,000 during 1938 for the relief of persecuted Jews. Since 1914 American Jews have raised over \$85,000,000 for the relief of European Jews.

The Jewish population in the Roman Empire in the time of Christ was 4,500,000, and constituted one-twelfth of the total population of the Roman Empire. If they had remained in Europe and multiplied at the same rate as the European population, they would today number 75,000,000.

It has been charged on authority that seems reliable, that since Hitler came into power 800 organizations have been formed in the United States with the purpose of spreading anti-Semitism and undermining the democratic form of government.

Jews in Italy

According to recent official statistics there are 84,000 Jews resident in Italy. Since 1919 some 20,000 Jews from other lands have settled in Italy. Of this number fully 12,000 arrived after 1933, the year Hitler came into power. These are, therefore, largely German Jews. About 8,000 of the 20,000 arriving since 1919 have been naturalized as Italian citizens. In view of the new anti-Semitic laws all of the 20,000 Jews who have arrived since 1919 must leave Italian territory within six months.—*Jewish Missionary Magazine*.

A Jewish community in an Italian colony in Africa, consisting of 20,000 persons, has decided to abandon their Arabic-Jewish dialect and adopt Hebrew in its place. The resolution came after a year's trial of the Hebrew tongue.

Ten large German cities have lost more than forty per cent of their Jewish population, and many other smaller Jewish communities have disappeared entirely in the last five years.

News From the Mission Field

"Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature," Mark 16:15.

ZENO C. THARP, Secretary of Mission Board

Many Hungry For Pentecostal Truths

TOTONICAPAN, Guatemala, Central America.—We were delighted to have our mission overseer, Brother Paul Walker, for a little more than two weeks. We went to Quezaltenango, the same night he arrived, for our service there. He took Truman's guitar, played, sang several solos, then preached to us all. I interpreted for him. The believers are still talking about that service, wanting don Pablo to come back, just as soon as he can.

Friday night he preached here at Totonicapan, to a crowded house on the inside, also a large crowd on the outside. He sang the "A B C of the Church of God," "Stand by Me," and "Heavenly Harmonies." How the believers enjoyed those songs. There was real victory throughout the entire service.

On Saturday night we went to San Francisco el Alto for service. There the son of the worker, Francisco Matul, gave Brother Walker a welcome address in English. His father was here to see us last Saturday. He was so grateful to Brother Walker for the service and sorry that he was not there to enjoy it with the rest. He told us the believers felt the presence and power of God very much as the brother sang and preached.

Sunday night at Totonicapan, Monday at Pixixil, Tuesday at Paqui.

Wednesday we had ministers' services at San Cristobal. The morning and afternoon services were devoted to instructing the pastors and native workers as to the doctrines and rules of the Church of God. Brother Walker patiently answered questions from the workers, both in the morning and the afternoon. He made every teaching of the Church of God so plain that the workers said they understood more clearly the rulings of the Church of God. There was blessed harmony in both services. At night we had a service for all. Brother Walker preached, sang, and encouraged us all to press on to certain victory in the Lord.

Thursday we went to Olinstepeque. We had a good message. Friday night we were at Totonicapan and Saturday we went to Quiche, visited the ruins there and came back to the home of Brother and Sister Pullin, ate dinner and left for Chichicastenango. We had a service there Saturday night. It was a new work but a number were present in the room and a good crowd on the outside. Brother Walker gave the message. Brother Pullin

interpreted on the inside while a man on the outside who understood English interpreted to the folks who did not have the courage to enter the service. There are many who are hungry for Pentecostal truths here. Please pray for them and for Brother and Sister Pullin who are in charge of this field.

On Sunday night Brother Walker preached in Quiche, Brother Pullin interpreting. The dear believers are still talking about the message he gave. Mrs. Pullin told us that a soul was wonderfully saved the following Sunday at Quiche. We came back home Sunday night. Brother Walker drove the car home.

We said good-bye to him on the Mexican border, praying that God would bless him and give a safe journey home to his precious wife and little children. We trust he can be with us at our next ministers' meeting in October.—Yours in His glad service, Carrie E. Furman.

Lord Blessing in Hawaii

HONOLULU, Hawaii.—Dear Evangel readers, we are glad to announce that God has made it possible for us to return to the States at this time for a while, for we have been here in the islands for twenty-seven months in one continuous revival. Truly God has been with us as a great number have accepted Christ as their personal Savior and many have received the Holy Ghost. Many have been healed of divers diseases, lepers cleansed, and the dead raised, for which we give God all the glory and praise.

We are sailing June 23 for the States. We will be in the state of Michigan about July 10 and will be open for revivals, as we plan on working our way down through the Eastern states of Ohio, Virginia, Kentucky and on down to the Assembly in October.

We have 2,000 feet of colored motion picture film of the different church works and some very interesting scenes of the islands, including the volcano in action, which we feel will be the means of drawing many souls in that they might hear the Word of God.

Please pray for us that we will be a blessing everywhere we go.—Fred and Lucille Litton, 2131 Estrella Ave., Los Angeles, Calif.

Report From Barbados, B. W. I.

Greetings in Jesus' precious name. It is with gratitude to our heavenly Father that we submit the following report of the Lord's work in our assembly at River

Road. God has been continuing to bless us during the past month. On Sunday, April 9, in the morning at eight o'clock five were baptized. In the evening Brother Paul Walker, our field superintendent, addressed the assembly on Prophecy and its Fulfillment. His message was encouraging and inspiring. Following this service the recently baptized believers were received into fellowship, thus adding five members to the church, making our total membership fifty-five.

We have been holding open-air meetings in a certain district, at which, though the congregations are both large and attentive, no response to the invitation is made. Nevertheless, that some good has been done we know, for at least one backslider of the Pilgrim Holiness church paid our assembly a visit and has stated her purpose to return to our church. We are still rejoicing on that account that a sleeping one has been awakened.

The adult missionary band is at this time particularly active in spirit and in work and is particularly conscious of its responsibility to the Master. The band is earnestly seeking to be an instrument of blessing in the Master's hand to lost souls and to the Lord's people.

We are glad to be able to say that there has been some forward move in our work but we still believe that more can be done under the leadership and fulness of power of the blessed Holy Spirit to whom we seek to yield ourselves in perfect submission.

We shall therefore press on in the mighty name of Jesus praying as we go.

May the Lord bless at Headquarters and the work of God everywhere is my prayer.—Yours in the Master's service by mercy and grace, A. W. Howell Rock, clerk, Wellington St., Bridgetown No. 5, Barbados, B. W. I.

State Convention and Camp Meeting Dates

Oklahoma—July 14-16
 Pennsylvania—July 13-16
 Tennessee Camp Meeting (Sevierville)—July 20-30
 Arkansas—July 21-23
 West Virginia—July 21-23
 Kentucky Camp Meeting—July 24-30.
 Tennessee—July 27-30
 Kentucky—July 28-30
 Texas Camp Meeting—July 31-Aug. 6
 Texas State Convention—August 4-6
 Alabama Camp Meeting—Aug. 2-13
 Alabama State Convention—Aug 11-13
 Maryland (Eastern Shore) Camp Meeting, August 4-13
 Maryland-D. C.-Delaware - East Virginia state convention—August 11-13
 Mississippi—August 10-13
 Iowa Camp Meeting—Aug. 25-Sept. 3
 Louisiana—August 24-27
 Maine—September 1-4

BIBLE SCHOOL ECHOES

"Study to shew thyself approved unto God," 2 Tim. 2:15.

My Refuge and Fortress

James J. Martin

Scripture lesson: Psa. 91:1-4, "He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust. Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence. He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler."

We see in this scripture lesson before us God's care and protection over His children, how that if we put our trust in Him He will shield us from the power of the enemy and carry us by His divine power over on the other side to enjoy His blessings forevermore. But we must keep going on, fulfilling His Word, doing His will. It says, "He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High." That, my friends, is the secret of success in our Christian life; that is, to dwell, which means to delay, or linger, to reside, to sojourn, or in other words, to stay there in the presence of the great God and Maker of heaven and earth.

I know that the devil comes around and tries to discourage us and tells us all kinds of hard luck stories. Yes, that is his business, but we have the words of the Psalmist, "He (God) is my refuge and my fortress." Thanks be to God, He is our hiding place, when things in the natural seem to be against us and everything seems to go wrong and the enemy begins to tell us that there is no use in trying and we might just as well give up. Praise the Lord, we are serving the same God that told Paul, "My grace is sufficient for thee," and if we dwell or stay in His secret place we shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. Yes in the secret place, a place where the enemy of our souls can't come, a hiding place in the very presence of God. But the old devil stands off and tries to lure us away from God or our hiding place, away from the source of our protection, saying, "Come over here." As Sanballat told Nehemiah when he was building the walls of Jerusalem, "Come down in the valley of Ono." But Nehemiah said, "I am doing a great work. I can't come down." So we are doing a great work for God. That is why the devil is trying so hard to discourage us and make us feel we are doing no good, and showing us the faults and mistakes of others. Even though some do go back in sin, it will not do us any good if we do.

The one thing I want to impress upon your minds is to remember that the Lord

is our refuge and fortress and we find in Paul's writings, "Ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God." There we have again the thought of being hid with Christ in God. We also find in the Scriptures, "If God be for us who can be against us?" That gives us to understand that there is no power above the divine power of God Almighty, and that there is no one who can get us away from our hiding place, that secret place with God, as long as we go on and do His will, even if the grim hand of death comes and takes some of our loved ones. Yes, I say, even death cannot separate us from the Lord. Paul says again in Rom. 8:38, 39, "That neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." So as long as we are walking in the paths of righteousness and doing those things that are pleasing in His sight, there is no creature that can put us out of our hiding place in our gracious Lord. If we die while walking the straight and narrow way, we will soar away on the wings of love to be there in the presence of God while eternal ages shall roll.

When the enemy comes around with his discouraging stories just tell him, "I'm hid away by the love of God," and as the old song says, "I've heard of a city called heaven, and I've started to make it my home." That is where we are longing to go, and by the grace of God we are going. Praise the Lord. We are on our way, but we can't rely on ourselves, it will take the grace of God.

When the enemy clouds our way, when the storm clouds hang low it ought to be enough to lift us up when we realize that God is near. He said, "I will never leave nor forsake you" and we read in Psa. 23:4, "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me." Why are you not afraid, David? Because thou art with me. Thank the Lord. Through the hardest battle, through the worst trials and the worst temptations, He is with us. The devil clouds your way with discouragement. You may feel that you haven't a friend in the world and that God is a thousand miles from you, but that is just your feelings. The Lord is still near. Thou art with me. There is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother.

We find in Psa. 34:7, "The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them." That is enough to make us shout, just to think how near the Lord is to us, and how the angels are camping about us. Sometimes, when we are discouraged and downhearted and blue, if our spiritual

eyes were opened we could see the angels' camps all around us. So if that old serpent tells you that God has forsaken you and that there is no use in trying to go on, just tell him that you may be in the valley of the shadow of death, yet you know God is near you and the angels are camping close by. Well, glory! About that time you will feel your soul being lifted up and pretty soon you will feel something going over your soul like the waves of the sea.

Let us take courage and press on in this good fight of faith until the Lord sees that it is enough, then He will call us over on the shores of sweet deliverance, there to bask in the sunlight of God's eternal love, sing the songs of the redeemed, and shout and praise God while the eternal ages roll.

"For the Lord is my refuge and my fortress."

Open Letter to the Church of God and Bible Students of the Northwest

Grace, mercy and peace be multiplied unto you!

Since we have left the Northwest for the remainder of the Assembly year, and perhaps permanently, we take this means of communicating with the many beloved friends in Christ in the Northwest, with whom we have ministered for so long.

Approximately six years ago we went to the Dakotas in the service of the Master, and those years have been abundant with labor in different branches of the service, but among our greatest treasures is the memory of those years in the great Northwest, and the precious friends we have come to know there.

We would have been glad, had it been possible, to have visited all the churches and said good-bye, but as that was quite impractical, there are a few things we are anxious to say to our friends by way of encouragement.

1. Needless to say those cherished memories of the faithful friends of the prairies will follow us all our days. We make no boasts of having accomplished much while there, but are happy to bestow honor where it is due. If there have been successes they have been because of the splendid co-operation of the people and the other ministers. For this we shall always be grateful.

2. We are not among those who feel that the continued progress of the church depends solely upon them. We believe the work that has been accomplished in the Northwest will continue to go on, and we shall always be gratified to learn of the prosperity of the Church of God there. We are especially pleased to state, that we have carried away no grievances. Our heartiest wishes are for the success of of the church and those who are carrying

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BRIEF REPORTS

"A good report maketh the bones fat," Prov. 15:30.

PATTON, Mo.—As we have been in charge of the work here for four years and five months, we would like to give you a report on our church. We have had only a rough tabernacle with a dirt floor on leased land.

On June 2, 1938 we organized a L. W. B. within mind to start work for a new church. Although some said it couldn't be done, we give the Lord all the glory we have accomplished so far.

May 26, 1939 we had our building wrecked and moved to Patton Junction on an acre of land given to us with \$50.00 and \$50.00 the L. W. B. had gathered together. Our good state overseer, Brother H. L. Marcum, has been loyal and faithful. He and his three boys drove forty-eight miles and worked hard two days in helping wreck the building, then drove back that night for service.

We have a quilt pieced and place anyone's name on it for ten cents and a church's name for twenty-five cents. We count it an honor to us here to have our good General Overseer and his wife, Brother and Sister J. H. Walker, hand us their names to be placed on the quilt. As soon as Brother Marcum gets the state tent, which has been purchased, he will place it here and start a revival and start our building. When the church is finished and dedicated we will give this quilt to Brother Marcum and his wife. The money which we collect on this quilt is used on the building.—Myrtle Barker, in charge.

KELLETS, Jam., B. W. I.—We thank God for His mercy towards us. We are still having victory over the devil. Thank God. We mean to fight and be faithful until Jesus comes. In the month of April, the 6th, thank God, we met in Zion and had a wonderful time. G. Johnson and Elder N. S. McDonald preached for us. After that the Lord's Supper was observed. We had a wonderful time that night.

The next morning we returned and after our prayer meeting we marched to the riverside where eight candidates were baptized. We went back to Zion fasting. Then throughout the day we had a glorious time in the Lord and we felt His presence.

We are still pressing on and determined to be faithful until Jesus calls for His own. We desire your prayers. Also pray for Bishop C. T. Johnson, our pastor, who works hard and who is a faithful worker for the Lord. Pray for me as I am having much to contend with but I am

determined by the grace of God to live true to God that I may live in the air by-and-by.—A sister, D. M. Douglas, clerk.

New Work Organized

On the 26th of May a new work was organized at Pedro by our district pastor, Bishop C. T. Johnson. This church was organized with ten members, clerk, Clifford Lee; treasurer and assistant pastor, Deacon J. T. Johnson. While these members were being fellowshipped into the Church of God I could imagine when the saints of God will be welcomed by Jesus to their sweet home. After this we had some real testimonies. As these testimonies came from the lips of the saints of God they were thrilling to my soul. Instructions were given by our district pastor which filled the hearts of the saints with great joy.

On the 28th eleven candidates were baptized. On Monday, the 29th, we had fasting. A sermon was preached by the district pastor. I cannot express what I gathered from this sermon.

We are going on here with a revival in which many have come to be saved. Fifteen have prayed through, six have been sanctified and five baptized with the Holy Ghost and fire. Praise God, the Church is getting ready to meet her husband in the air.

Dear readers, please pray for us over here in Pedro that this little church will be a real rose in the valley. Also pray for our district pastor, Bishop C. T. Johnson, and our local pastor, Deacon J. T. Johnson.—Gilbert Thomas, Kellets, Jam., B. W. I.

Working for Jesus

HARTSVILLE, S. C.—I praise the Lord for His goodness to me. He healed me of cancer of the stomach and gall bladder after I suffered one year and seven months. Two holes were eaten through my stomach. They rushed me to the hospital and patched the two holes that were eaten through but said they could not take anything out. So after keeping me about four weeks they sent me home to die. My husband had seven different doctors and all the medicine he could think of to try to help me, but all failed.

After one year and seven months last New Year's Day seven years ago, they laid me out for dead. The Lord put breath back in me and flesh back on my dry bones and a new stomach and called me to preach the gospel. I have been working for Him ever since.

My husband, Brother Beaty McKee, and I are traveling together. We just closed a revival at Clyde S. C. in a brush arbor. Twelve were saved, eight sanctified, nine filled with the Holy Ghost and several healed of different diseases. One sister at Hartsville sent for me to pray for her. I went to pray for her and she got healed and filled with the Holy Ghost. She had cancer, high blood pressure and a bad heart and was just eighty years old. Space won't let me tell all of the good things the Lord is doing.

We are now at Hartsville running a meeting for Brother Barfield, just three miles out from Hartsville in a little new Church of God. Please pray for us as we need prayer. We just travel by faith. Sometimes it looks dark but God is still with us and is blessing us. By the help of God I am going on, I am not turning back. Pray for us to be humble and true and be soul winners for Jesus.—Rosa Clayton.

God Blessing in Maryland

We came here to Western Port, Md. and took a Pentecostal preacher, B. F. Crawford, and sixty-five of his members into the Church of God. We organized a Sunday School with sixty-seven the first Sunday and a Y. P. E. with twenty-five. We have two church buildings rented and the church won't hold the people. People are getting healed, saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost in our regular service. Messages are given out, the power of God sweeps the place. There is another Pentecostal preacher and a Methodist preacher looking this way. Assembly and Pentecostal people are testifying that they never saw it on this fashion before.

If there is any Church of God folks near here, please get in touch with me as I am pastor here. My address is Lonaconing, Md.—Floyd A. Boger, pastor of George Creek Church of God.

Jesus Can Heal You

RICH HILL, Mo.—Greetings to all the Evangel readers and to those who have been healed and blessed through my prayers. Dear ones who are afflicted, Jesus can heal you. Unsaved ones, He wants to save your soul. Many are blessed and healed by the anointed cloths I send out in Jesus' name for His glory. Do you believe? If so, He can make you whole. He is the same today (Heb. 13:8). These signs shall follow them that believe, Mark 16. Write me, send me a stamped envelope and handkerchief or cloth and I'll be glad to anoint it for you. Pray for the Church of God here.—Mrs. Ben Ellis, 14 E. Walnut St.

SYLVA, N. C.—We, the Church of God at Sylva, N. C., are sounding a note of praise for the way the Lord is blessing

us here. Our work was on a standstill, then Brother L. J. Stone came and ran us a revival and many souls were blessed and a number added to the church. Since then the church has made progress but the devil gave us a battle.

It seemed as if we would never get a good pastor to stand by us, but God has heard and answered prayer. Brother L. J. Stone of Hendersonville is our pastor part time now and God is blessing our work. Brother Stone is a man of God and has the favor of God upon him. The whole community that know him seem to love him. In our regular services God meets with us in a mighty way and our church won't hold the people. There are some true blue saints here who have stood the test. Pray much for our work and pastor here.—Melita Bryson, clerk.

Let the Holy Ghost Have His Way

ELBA, Ala.—We thank God for the way He is blessing at Elba, Ala. We had a very good service Saturday night. Three went to the altar, begging God for mercy. The next day, Sunday, June 18, we gathered again at 2:30 for service. We began to sing and the Lord began to bless. While one testified others sat and cried and praised God. One who was just saved testified crying and said he wanted full salvation. The power fell and I received so great a blessing I do not know just what all happened. Someone said twenty-five were shouting at once.

At the beginning of the service Brother Fairs, the preacher who had the service in charge, told the people that I'd preach for them. I said, "I want to hear him preach," but we got the best preaching by letting the Holy Ghost do it and no one taking the stand. The service lasted until almost sundown. Brother Fairs' wife got reclaimed and filled with the Holy Ghost and fire and rose up speaking with other tongues. Oh such shouting, her husband jumping almost to the ceiling, others lying on the floor with the power of God on them, others, sinners, standing, crying! Brother Fairs' little girl about eight years old came to the altar crying, asking for us to pray for God to save her. After a little rest we began service again. The Lord blessed so again until it was ten o'clock before Brother Fairs preached. Then came a wonderful message from God to the sinners. At ten-thirty six of them were found in the altar crying out for mercy.

Pray for this place that God will give us a great revival which we hope will start soon. Also pray that God will especially bless me in helping the lost to be saved.—N. T. Forehand.

Those who haven't enough God in their lives to enable them to submit when necessary will have poor success advertising Bible religion.



N. Woodville, Mich. Dist. Conv'n.

The North Woodville, Mich. district convention which convened at the Austin church proved to be a great blessing to all present. The Lord set His approval from the very first service. Many timely messages were delivered by men of God who seemed to be at their best for the Lord.

We appreciated having Brother Brinsfield from Detroit and Brother Carter from Port Huron, state Y. P. E. and Sunday School superintendent. Their singing and preaching were a great help to the convention. We also appreciated having our state overseer with us who was in charge of the convention.

I feel like I am speaking the mind of most the ministers of the district by saying we feel we are fortunate in having a man of God like Brother Standifer for our state overseer.

Sunday afternoon Brother Anderson, district overseer, spoke on missions. The mission spirit gripped hearts and a nice mission offering was given. The memory of this convention will linger long in the minds of those present.—Lyle Jackson, pastor of North Woodville, Rt. 2, Paris, Mich.

New Summit, Ark. Dist. Conv'n.

The district convention of the New Summit Church of God convened at Little Rock, Ark. May 26-28. Oh, how we praise the Lord for His presence and the sweet fellowship we felt from the very beginning. Brother A. J. Murray, district pastor, gave the welcome address. After this, Brother Henry, our state overseer, was in charge. We had special music and good singing with Brother Hart in charge.

Those making talks and bringing messages during the convention were Brothers Pipkins, Burford, Brown, Murray and Price, Sisters Vickers and Brazell.

Saturday night our state superintendent of the Y. P. E., Brother Brazell, was in charge. The Lord is surely blessing the Y. P. E. of this state.

Sunday our state overseer, Brother Henry, made a talk on missions and took a very good mission offering.

The convention came to a close Sunday evening but each one felt closely knit together.

Just a few words about our revival. Our pastor, Brother Murray, began the revival in May and ran it one week. Then Brother and Sister Vickers of Huntsville, Ala. came and continued it two weeks. The Lord surely blessed. Ten were saved, nine sanctified, and three filled with the Holy Ghost. Brother Murray and Sister

Vickers did some wonderful preaching. The Lord truly blessed. Time alone can tell the good this revival has done. We invite Brother and Sister Vickers back sometime.—Mrs. Alfred Williams.

McDowell District Convention

The McDowell, W. Va. district Sunday School and Y. P. E. convention convened at the Hartwell church, May 20, 21. The services began at 7:00 o'clock Saturday night. Brother T. F. Blackwell, state superintendent, and Brother C. H. Blankenship were in charge of the convention. Those delivering sermons and talks during the convention were Brothers Ova Combs, the local pastor, J. W. Leslie, pastor at Wilcoe, T. F. Blackwell, state superintendent, O. W. Thomas and C. H. Blankenship.

Special singing and music were rendered by the Wilcoe quartet, Jackson trio, Louise Lockhart, O. W. Thomas' quartet, duet by Elizabeth Blankenship and Alice Kiser, Hartwell string band and others.

Sunday afternoon the reports of the Sunday School superintendents and Y. P. E. presidents were given. The Hartwell Y. P. E. presented a short play. The War Y. P. E. also presented a play. They were enjoyed by those present.

Please pray for our Y. P. E. and Sunday School at War—Alice E. Kiser, War, W. Va.

Bald Knob, Ark. Dist. Convention

The Bald Knob, Ark. district convention convened at Velvet Ridge's new stone church nine miles north of Bald Knob June 2-4. Brother Wilma Henry, overseer of Arkansas, was in charge.

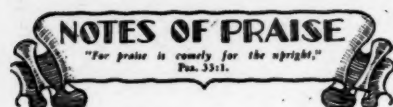
The power of God was with us in every service. As the speakers from Cave Creek, Cave City, Higdon and Roosevelt and visitors from other districts and states spoke it made us feel like going on and looking forward to our state convention with a one hundred per cent report. We feel like we can easily do this after listening to the good instructions given by our state overseer to the ministers.

Most of the churches on this district reported one hundred per cent on everything and our mission offering was \$31.50, for which we are thankful.

We were glad to have this grand convention here and enjoy the sweet fellowship of the saints. I believe that the Word of God which went forth during this convention has been edifying to each of us here and much lasting good will be the result for the great Church of God.—H. W. Williams, pastor.

Youngstown, Ohio Dist. Convention

The Youngstown, Ohio district convention convened at the Leavittsburg (Continued on page 12)



LACOOCHEE, Fla.—I thank the Lord for salvation, for the deep settled peace that abides in my soul. He is so real to me and grows sweeter every day. I am glad I am on my way to heaven. By the grace and help of God I am determined to make heaven my home. Bless His good name. He wonderfully saved, sanctified and baptized me with the precious Holy Ghost and I was added to the dear old Church of God. Before I received this wonderful experience with the dear Lord my health was so bad I could hardly be up about my work. I never can praise Him enough for what He has done for me in my old age. I love our leader, Sister Lula Jones. She helped me to find this way. I love everyone who prayed for me. I ask everyone to pray for me that I will ever be true.

I thank God for the great revival that has just closed at Lacoochee. A large number were baptized and added to the great Church of God. Souls feel more encouraged to travel on. Glory to Jesus! When the Lord saved me He put a desire in my heart to see others saved. Everyone pray that God will bless my home and make it a home of prayer. I am glad for a prayer-answering God. Thank Him because I ever learned to trust Him for both soul and body. May God bless everyone is my prayer.—Mrs. P. H. Rogers.

I Want to Go to Glory Some Day

Dear Evangel readers and saints everywhere, really I am glad to report victory again. I feel greatly encouraged to go on and see what is at the end of the way for me. When the good Lord blesses our souls as He has mine of late, and then to think this is only a foretaste of what heaven will be like, I am made to know that heaven will be cheap at any cost. I want to go to glory some day.

I praise the Lord for healing me last Tuesday night a week ago when I was in the jaws of death. I thought my work here was over and my race had been run but He looked down and lifted my afflictions and spared my life for no other purpose than to labor for lost souls. I feel my heart is yearning to get the glad news of the gospel to every soul in darkness, and the most earnest desire of my soul is to be a light to this dark world. Jesus said, "Ye are the light of the world." As long as He was in the world He was the light of the world, but now that He has gone to the Father we are all the light the world has now. All they know about Jesus is just how much of Him they see in our lives. Some say it's what we tell them about Jesus, but, dear ones, it's

not our testimony altogether that the world is watching, but it is our everyday walk of life. Are we letting our little light shine or do we hide it under a bushel? I don't know where God may send me or where my next lot may be to fill, but by His grace and help I mean to let my little light shine. I covet your prayers that I will always obey God.—Mabel Lane, Moniac, Ga.

The Only One Who Can Help

BLACK MOUNTAIN, N. C.—Dear saints, I am glad to hold up Jesus and His great healing power to this lost and dying world. About two weeks before Christmas our oldest little boy took very sick. We didn't know what was wrong with him. We would pray for him and it seemed that he would get a little better every time we prayed, but I was weak in faith and to satisfy my husband called a doctor. Still he didn't get any better, so we called a different doctor and he didn't get any better. We started praying and he started improving and he got able to be up and play some for nearly two weeks. Then he took sick with something that drew his little eyes and face until he couldn't look at anyone straight. He also lost the use of his little legs. He couldn't even stand on them. We took him to a child specialist and he said he had had a bad case of diphtheria and scarlet fever. The other two doctors didn't seem to know what was wrong with him. This one said it had affected his heart and he put him back in bed for one month. He was in an awful fix.

One evening I went to his bedside and put my arms around under his little bony frame. It seemed then that I could stand it no longer. I got down to praying and crying until I knew the Lord heard me. Bless His wonderful name. I told my husband to get Brother and Sister Farmer, our pastor and his wife, to come and pray for J. C. I had come to the place where I knew if the Lord didn't undertake for him he wouldn't last very long. All the time he was sick he would say, "I don't want to take any medicine." He said he wanted to trust the Lord like daddy. You mothers who have children know what a mother's love is, so I tried to do all I could for him but it didn't do any good. I had to look to Jesus, and, praise the Lord, when Brother and Sister Farmer and a few of the saints prayed for him and laid an anointed handkerchief of Brother L. G. Rouse's on him the Lord wonderfully undertook for him. The next morning his little eyes had begun to straighten and in a few days he was able to get out and try to walk. He had to learn to walk again but now he is in good health and is gaining weight after being bedfast for about two and one-half months. We didn't try to give any more medicine, and haven't yet. Bless the

Lord. He is the great healer of all diseases if we will look to Him.

I hope this will encourage someone else to look to Jesus; He is the only one who can help you. Please pray for me to have more faith and always look to Jesus.—Mrs. C. A. Odum

Instantly and Completely Healed

PERRY, Fla.—I praise God for His wonderful healing power. He is the same today as He ever was. On the 19th day of February this year God so miraculously healed our baby of double pneumonia after the doctor said there wasn't any chance for him to recover. It seemed that God did not get enough glory out of this, and too, my companion and I had grown careless and God wanted to stir us up.

On April 19 he took sick again. The doctor pronounced it pneumonia in one side and it later developed into double pneumonia again. We had another doctor at this time and he said that he had done everything he could, that the one who healed him before would have to do it again. I was at work so my wife called in the saints of God here with our dear pastor, Brother A. M. Sapp, and evangelist, Brother P. W. Chesser, who stood by us faithfully, and on the 27th God came down with His great power and healed him again. Both times he was instantly and so completely healed that it seemed to shock the doctors. We are praising the great God of our salvation for these healings. Pray for us that God will have His way in our lives.—G. W. Lynch, Rt. 1.

Afflicted and Why, But Healed Now

Dear brothers, sisters and friends, I have had an experience that I feel would be pleasing to the Lord to publish.

Almost two years ago I was afflicted with foot trouble and was in bed part of the time. At this time I was saved and had been paying tithes but I had failed to pay \$5.20 tithes to pay some debts. As I was in bed I prayed and asked God why I had to suffer so much. Before me appeared \$5.20 tithes. I tried to believe that it was something else. For two or three days I prayed, asking God why I had to suffer so, but still \$5.20 tithes was before my eyes. I tried to not believe this was the cause of my affliction but every time I would pray this would appear before me until I had to believe it. I promised God I would pay tithes if He would let me get well.

For three months I could not work, spending everything I could get for medical aid. I went to four doctors but they could do me no good; they did not know what the trouble was. Then I stopped going to doctors and began to obey God. I got some better and started working

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REVIVALS

"O Lord, revive thy work in the midst of the years,"
Hab. 3:2.

BIG SPRING, Tex.—We thank the Lord for the way He is blessing the Church of God in Big Spring. We are so glad that God is our refuge and strength, a present help in the time of need.

We have traded church buildings and moved over in the west part of town. We have a larger and better church building and the Lord is blessing our efforts for Him. We have better crowds and our Sunday School has been built up to about one hundred.

The Lord saw our need of a revival and sent Brother A. M. Curtis of California to conduct us a revival. He surely blessed in a wonderful way. Several prayed through and we feel the church was blessed in many ways. Brother Curtis is a wonderful evangelist. The Lord really uses him for His glory. He is a consecrated man of God. We regretted so much to see Brother and Sister Curtis leave us. We just wished they could stay all the time, but as he had planned another revival they had to be leaving. We hope to get them for another revival before the year is out.—Mrs. B. A. Ratchford, 905 E. 12th St.

BESOCO, W Va.—We praise God for the good revival which we had here at Walker Town the last seventeen days. Brother Raymond Callahan of Coal City was in charge, assisted by Brother Hayden Branan and all the near-by churches. How the power of God did fall! Five were saved, four sanctified and six filled with the Holy Ghost. Praise His name forever. Thank God for the Word and for one who will preach it and not fail to tell people of their shortcomings and tell them they must be born again.

Please pray that God will send His great convicting power and save the lost souls who are now seeking to be saved. Pray for Brother Callahan as he entered Whitesville June 25 for another hard battle. Please pray much, saints. Remember Walker Town church in prayer.—Mrs. J. I. Garretson.

SPARTA, Tenn.—I praise God for sending Brother and Sister Bill Cook to Black Oak for a four weeks' revival. They did some good preaching and souls were interested. God got hold of me. I went to the altar and was saved and sanctified in their revival.

In a week after they closed their revival Brother Harmon Keith, our pastor of Pikeville, came to fill his regular appointment. On Sunday night he brought a good message. God was speaking to me. I went to the altar and received the Holy Ghost. Thank God for it. Pray that I

will stay humble and true.—Odell Rice, Rt. 1.

PETERSBURG, W. Va. — We just closed a good revival at the Church of God Sunday night, June 18. Brother and Sister W. W. Webb of Bristol, Tenn. were the evangelists. They brought good gospel messages and both saint and sinner loved them. They were here four weeks and the church was encouraged and built up by these good evangelists being with us. Eight were saved, five sanctified, six baptized with the Holy Ghost and one added to the church. This was the best meeting we have had for several years. May God bless dear Brother and Sister Webb. They are on fire for God and preach the old time salvation. We are hoping they will go from here to Smoke Hole for a meeting for they surely are needed there. We are glad God is still saving and blessing people who are willing to pay the price and live for Him.—H. C. Schaeffer, Box 42.



PRAY FOR:

Me to be healed. It seems if God doesn't undertake pretty soon I will have to yield to medical aid, as my faith is weak.—A sister, Lillian Palmer, Guntown, Miss.

My healing.—Mrs. Daisy Mack, Collins, Ky.

Our revival which is now in progress here at East Lake. Neighboring churches, come over and help us. Backsliders are getting back to the Lord and saints are being revived. We also want you to pray that God will give us a building at this place.—Rev. H. L. Kitchen, 6830 2nd Ave., S., Birmingham, Ala.

Sister Copeland's spiritual condition, also that her husband may be saved. Her home is almost wrecked by sin.—H. L. Kitchen.

The Lord to heal me of some kind of bad spells I have with my head and eyes, also pray for my healing in general. Anointed cloth appreciated. I have a crippled hand, pray for God to heal it. Also I am requesting someone to come this way and help us out, there are only a few saints here.—Mrs. E. T. Wilkinson, Rt. 1, Wedowee, Ala.

My sister to be healed of tumor.—A. E. Opsata, Lindsay, Okla.

Many souls to pray through to victory in our revival here at East Lake. Pray also for my throat, it is very bad at present. Our building here is too small, pray for God to help us get a new building.—Emma Newman, 6504 3rd Ave., Birmingham, Ala.

God to use me in His work as He

would have me be used, also pray for my unsaved son, that he may seek God and find Him before it is too late.—Carmon P. Vda. de Urriolagoitia, Mazatlan, Sin. Mex.

Brother Mitchell Stanley, Monroe St., Bedford, Va. to be healed.—R. S. Lyons, Pulaski, Va.

Our church, and my loved ones.—Mrs. E. D. Carreker, Eden, Ala.

My success in a revival which I am to conduct in the near future, also that God will stay my trouble.—Walter Wright, Somerville, Tenn.

The Lord to heal me of something like a cancer which is on my neck. Pray also for my little boy.—Mrs. Dollie Stallings, Rt. 1, Anniston, Ala.

W. C. Wilkinson. He has something wrong with his back. Doctors say he will have to have an operation, but we know the Lord can heal. We need more faith.—Mrs. W. C. Wilkinson and Mrs. N. J. Sheehan, Thomasville, Ala.

An important unspoken request, and continue to pray that I may receive the Holy Ghost.—Mrs. H. E. Steelberg, 946 Oglethorpe Ave., S. W. Atlanta, Ga.

My baby. She is not growing as she should. I know God is able to heal her completely.—Mrs. G. R. Spurlock, Avon Park, Fla.

Me to receive the Holy Ghost.—Mrs. J. C. Jennings, Rt. 1, Plum Branch, S. C.

Me to be completely healed of heart trouble.—Mrs. Dezzie Champion, Wilmington, N. C.

Someone to be sent here. There is no church here; for me.—A sister, Mattie Ray, Cottonwood, Ala.

God to have His way in my life, unsaved children and loved ones.—Your sister in Christ, Mrs. Hattie Henderson, Wimauma, Fla.

EDITORIALS

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seen even now, will have sway over the entire population of the earth.

At this time earthquakes begin. The tenth part of the cities fall and thousands of the inhabitants will be slain. The woes are running their course.

We can see the spirit of this awful day even now. The whole land is given to intemperance. The thing that many post-millennialists believed a few years ago would work righteousness in the earth and bring back reverence and honor to God has fallen to the earth, that is, prohibition or the eighteenth amendment. There never has been a day since America was discovered that temperance conditions were as bad as they are now.

Thirty-odd years ago the Holy Ghost began to fall in America and other countries, and we are told that up to this time twelve million people have received the Holy Ghost with evidence of speaking

in tongues.

The line is being drawn. Those that will have God and His full blessings are being filled with all of His fullness and made ready for the great day when Jesus will come to catch away His people. On the other hand millions are hardening their hearts against God and are going on in the ways of sin. Intemperance is filling the land. Immorality follows close with it. Disrespect and disregard for things that are good is plainly to be seen. Even some who profess to love God and follow Him are becoming filled with the world and its desires and are failing to do the things that are right. Truly Zachariah stated a true condition (8:10) when he said, "Neither was there any peace to him that went out or came in because of the affliction: for I set all men every one against his neighbour."

Letter to the Church of God and Northwest Bible School

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on for the Lord.

3. We especially extend our heartiest greetings to the students of the Bible School who have been very near to us during the past few years. And to the class of 1938-39, we extend our gratitude for the excellent cash offering you sent to us just before we left. Blessings upon you for your faithful consideration.

May the guiding hand of the Lord be with you, one and all, until we meet again and until He comes, is the prayer of

Your servants in Christ,
Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Lemons.

Conventions

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school building in the auditorium at Warren. We also had access to the cafeteria where lunch was served. Brother Clark was in charge of the services. We were glad to have him and his family with us, also Brother Phillips and his family.

Many good sermons and much good music was enjoyed by everyone. We appreciate our good pastor here and are glad that he made it possible for us to have this convention. We thank everyone who participated in making the convention the success it was. We are looking forward to the time when we can meet with you good people and have another convention. We are pleased with our Sunday School and our good superintendent. We feel he plays a great part in making it what it is. We have a goodly number out each Sunday. Our number in Sunday School has increased over what it was since our pastor, Brother Lewis, came to be with us. He has his heart in the work here and is putting forth every effort he can for the Sunday School and church. Pray for us here as we have a church building in view. If God wills, we

know the building can be ours. We need this place.—Mrs. Mackey, reporter.

Testimonies

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about half time and paid off my tithes. Later as I obeyed God I received the Holy Ghost but for about six months after I received the Holy Ghost I was still afflicted. I could hardly work all day. By this time the Lord had led me into the Church of God.

In October, 1938, Brother L. G. Rouse came to Blacksburg, S. C. to the Church of God to pray for the sick. I was present there and when Brother Rouse called for the sick to come forward I was first to be prayed for and was wonderfully healed and I am still healed today. Praise God! Oh, how I am praising God for sending Brother Rouse to Blacksburg. Since that time I have been working full time and have been paying tithes.

During my affliction besides my suffering and what I spent, I lost \$280.00 out of the mill. This I know was for failing to pay \$5.20 tithes. Don't let this happen to you if you are having sickness. Pay your tithes and God will bless you.

There are some who say, "I am not able to pay tithes," but, my dear friend, you will not enjoy God's tithes. You will have to spend them and lose more just like I did. You just can't please God and not pay tithes.

We want you to notice just a few scriptures. Jesus told Nicodemus in St. John 3:3, "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." Certainly we believe this scripture. Then we find in 1 John 3:9, "Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin." Now most people will tell you whether they pay tithes or not that it is good to pay tithes, and if they are Church of God people they must believe in it, for this is Church of God teachings. Now let us go to James 4:17, "Therefore to him that knoweth to do good and doeth it not, to him it is sin."

Now, my dear friend, if you know it is good to pay tithes if you don't pay them it is a sin to you. Then we find this in 1 John 3:8, "He that committeth sin is of the devil." We find in searching the scripture that this way is close. We must walk in the light if we expect to get to glory. You may say, "I have never come into the light of paying tithes," but most Christians have and we Church of God people teach it. There are many people who say they don't understand tithing and they are already condemned. You may fool the people but you can't fool God. 1 John 3:20, "For if our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things." Just remember, God knows the heart. If you know it's right to pay tithes, you will never get to glory without paying them.

Remember, I was afflicted for disobeying God and man could not heal me. I had to prove to God that I was going to obey Him and then He healed me. Don't let this happen to you for you will lose much more than your tithes. Obey God in every respect.

Come to Gaffney, S. C., to the Church of God. We have a good church, good people and a good preacher. Brother Frank Muller is our pastor and he is a man of God. Visit us, hear him preach and the old time power of God will fall and we will have a time in the Lord.

I hope this testimony and these few words will help someone. May God bless you.—James J. Thompson, 1102 Beach St., Gaffney, S. C.

Obey God

CAIRO, Ga.—Dear saints, as I sit here this morning, the rain pouring down on the outside, it makes me think of the latter rain too, which is now falling in so many places the wide world over, and oh, how it makes my heart rejoice with gladness and thankfulness unto Him who has done so much for me. Hallelujah! It will soon be eight years since my Lord saved this soul of mine, sanctified and baptized me with the good Holy Ghost and fire. Thank God. I am so glad to say He abides today in this temple of mine.

Oh, my Lord has done so much for me and I've done so very little for Him. He heals my body too when I get sick. It will soon be eight years since I've taken or rubbed on one drop or dose of anything in the way of medicine. The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad, Psa. 126:3.

In October, 1937, my dear father and stepmother were put in prison, later they were sent to the state prison—papa for eighteen months and mother for five years. Oh, it almost broke my heart. Many times it has seemed I could not live for it looked like I could not stand it any longer, but God was and still is so merciful, good and loving. Bless His name. I went back home to Alabama and my five little brothers were so pitiful, yet very precious to me. Pray that they all will get salvation and live true unto the end. Oh, the trials, many heartaches and burdens I had to bear for my Lord, but Jesus and the sweet Holy Ghost has kept me through it all. Thank God. Saints and sinner friends, I never knew before my Lord was so precious to me, His blood He spilled on the cross and the Holy Ghost were so real in the midst of those trials and persecutions. God knows about them all and He has kept me, oh He kept me through His mighty power and really satisfied (at that time) my soul with the sweet Holy Ghost. Glory! He gave me one soul filled with the Holy Ghost. Pray for her, her trials are many but God is able to keep her, I know. How

I thank Him for her. Saints and sinners, listen to me, that was worth more than all the suffering I went through and it encouraged my heart so much to press the battle on for God (truth and right), just to see that one soul go through to victory. Hallelujah!

I began to have spells with my heart, bad spells too, but I trusted God and He healed me. After I came back to Georgia I began having those spells again. One day it looked like my Lord would either have to release my father from prison, give me victory that He would, or have a dead woman on His hands. How I thank God for His praying saints everywhere, and there's some at Cairo. Thank God. In a few days my father wrote me saying, "Daughter, I will get out in May, about the 21st or 22nd, if I get my short time." He was to stay until some time in August, 1939, but on Wednesday evening, the 22nd of February, 1939, a telegram came to me from a cousin, saying, "Your dad is free at my house now." Oh thank God, thank God. I can never praise and thank my Lord enough for what He has done for me. He delivered Paul and Silas and Peter from prison so many, many years ago. Not hardly two months ago He delivered my father, and I know He has the very same power to deliver my precious mother too, for just think, dear ones, what is home without papa, without mamma. O my God, help. Pray especially for her poor soul. I know God is able to save, sanctify and baptize her (papa and the boys too) with heaven's sweet Holy Ghost and fire.

Friends, obey God. I didn't fulfill my promise to God so recently I was taken with my heart again. I suffered off and on all night and until Saturday about two o'clock when God healed me. Bless His name.

Pray for me, saints, that I will be so filled and thrilled with God's Spirit and power that saints and sinners can see I am one of His. Pray that He will heal my feet; I can hardly walk. Pray for my auntie for both soul and body, also for a friend in Ohio.—Miss Zola P. Hand, 342 3rd Ave., N. W.

Healed by the Power of God

ASHLAND, Ohio.—I praise God for a most wonderful experience of healing in my body. I had been sick and had attacks of gallstones for three years. I had my gall bladder drained twice but still I would have bad attacks.

Recently I was very sick and the doctor said my appendix was affected and the gall bladder and appendix were about to burst. He gave me only twenty-four hours without an operation. I was suffering terribly and was doped with morphine tablets. The afternoon of April 11 when Brother Thad Puckett, the Church of God evangelist who is conducting a

revival here now, came and anointed me with oil and he and Sisters Latimer and Burkett prayed for me. The Lord wonderfully healed me and I got up and went to church that evening. I am feeling fine and am able to work and go to service every night. I praise God for His healing power.

I also praise Him for the way He is blessing in the revival here. Sixteen have received the baptism of the Holy Ghost and God is working and many are seeking the Lord.

I am so glad I have such a wonderful experience and I am saved, sanctified and filled with His Spirit. God is willing to heal if we come to Him. Bless His name. Pray that I may be a living witness of His saving, keeping and healing power and that my testimony may be a blessing to someone who is suffering.—Mrs. Florence Lance, 1040 Orange St., N. E.

How God Answers Prayers

I praise God for what He is to me. I thank Him for salvation, for the sweet Holy Ghost. I was brought up in the Baptist church, was a member for many years, but I had a hunger and longing in my soul for something better. Praise God. Many times I would weep and pray for God to undertake and give me a deeper experience with Him.

In 1930 God sent two Church of God preachers from Illinois to West Virginia. They came to my place to hold a meeting in an old store building. Thank God for the old building. I can look back and see the hand of God in the thing. There was where God answered my prayer, satisfied my hungry soul and filled me with the sweet Holy Ghost. Then I began to pray for more understanding of His Word. I prayed and prayed, read and prayed. I went to the Assembly at Chattanooga, Tenn. One day as I was walking through the hall of the auditorium I noticed a large sign telling about the Church of God Bible Training School by mail—the correspondence course. A voice spoke to me right then and said, "That is what you have been praying for." That sign followed me back to West Virginia, in my memory. Finally, after three weeks, I decided to write about it. My husband being a sinner did not want me to take the course but by the help of the Lord I finished my course and got my diploma. Every child of God needs to take this course, and you can by the help of God.

As I began with my lessons I prayed and asked God just as a child would look to the school teacher.

I feel like my Bible course has put me five hundred miles up the heavenly highway. No tongue can tell what it has done for us. It brought me nearer the Lord, taught me how to be much humbler and gave me a deeper experience with the

Lord. Praise His dear name. What it has done for me it can do for you. If you can't go to Bible School you can take this course by mail. Oh, how I do thank God for this course and for our Church of God, for the overseer and teachers of this great school.

I thank God for healing my little foster daughter. She is only six years old. Last May 11, 1938, she came home from school very sick. As I never had any children I didn't know much about sickness. I put her to bed. I knew something was very badly wrong with her. The next day she was worse, so I called our physician. She had typhoid fever and then pneumonia. Well, I knew I had to do something. I began to call on my great Physician, the Lord. I put the Evangel on her. She got worse. The devil said, "Now if she dies everybody will say you didn't try to do anything for her. She is not your real child or you would do more for her." We called another doctor. He said she had to go to the hospital at once. He called the county health doctor for she was bad with typhoid fever. They advised us to take her on. I asked the doctor to let me keep her at home. He said, Well, if I did he would do all he could for her. Say, then the Lord began to work. Praise the Lord. In eight days the fever was all gone and she was up and out playing. God could work much quicker than the three physicians could. It would have taken them and their medicine two or three months.

Then she took the whooping cough. Well, the devil said, "Now she must die, she just can't stand the whooping cough just getting over the fever, and the pneumonia in one of her lungs left a spot on it." Then was my testing time. I told God if He would only heal her I would testify of it and I failed to do so until now, but I pray God will forgive me for being so long about it. I think my child slept all Summer with the Evangel on her body or in bed with her. Many times she would say, "Mother, where is my paper?" when she would be suffering. God stood by me in the face of the enemy. She soon got well and is now nine pounds over weight, wears an eight-year-old size dress and is the picture of health. God is the one who gets the praise for it all. He is our healer. If in sickness only give Him a chance to heal you.

I was healed of locked bowels after an operation. I had been home three weeks when five doctors examined me and stood back. God knew I was too weak to undergo another operation. I was rushed to the hospital in an ambulance. Praise God, then He undertook for me. They kept me nine days and sent me home and said if I ever had another attack like that to return to the hospital at once, night or day. That has been ten years and I have never had anything like

it since. When God does a job, it is done. But before the Lord began to work I had to give up everything. I was willing to die. Oh thank God, I can see now how my faith was tested in God that day. About three years ago I lost my hearing in one ear from August until November. I was sent to the hospital for treatment. There I was told I would never hear any more in that ear, they said the ear drum was eaten up by catarrh and the other one was affected. I was sent home, nothing could be done for me. Oh, how those words did hurt me, to think I was soon to be deaf. How the tears did flow. I began to weep and tell God about it. In three weeks I could hear my wrist watch tick. Praise God for it. I can hear as good as I ever did. That was three years ago last November. He will never fail us, the failing is on our part.

Dear Evangel readers, pray for me to always trust God first and be a true Church of God woman for I feel the end is very near. We soon will be done with pains, sickness and burdens and will get our crown if we are faithful to the end. God bless each one is my prayer.—Mrs. W. M. Asbury, Packsville, W. Va.

NOTICES

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A-1 condition. For information, write.—Rev. L. Johnson, Largo, Fla.

A two-weeks' revival was held here at Edwards Point by Brother W. M. Towns. He did some good preaching, and some prayed through. We did not have dedication service Mother's Day as was planned, but will have it July 16. Brother S. W. Latimer is to be with us and preach the dedicatory sermon. We will have all day service with dinner on the ground. Everyone is invited. Come and be with us.—Mrs. Alcy Ritchie, clerk, Signal Mountain, Tenn.

There will be all day services at the Church of God in Marion, N. C. July 16, services beginning at 9:30 a. m. We're expecting this day to be filled with singing, preaching, shouting, dancing and praises to God. We invite one and all to come and be with us. We are expecting a high day in Zion. We are expecting our state superintendent to be with us and deliver the eleven o'clock message, also are looking for Brother Roy Davis, Brother Garland Grooms and Bro. D. H. Delk, former pastors. You all have a special invitation—don't disappoint us. There will be dinner spread at noon for all. We are asking the neighboring churches to come and bring well-filled baskets.—H. C. Peek, pastor.

The Big Island district convention will convene July 28-30 under the state tent four miles east of Kennett, Mo., three miles south on the county line road, one

and one-half miles north of the Little River church, four miles west of Deering, Mo.

We will also have the ten nights' meeting following the convention. Pastors, please bring a mission and orphanage offering. Everyone is invited to come and attend this yearly feast with the Lord.—B. W. Elliott, district overseer, Kennett, Mo.

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We began a brush arbor meeting July 8 in Knox county. Pray for us.—Evangelist Geo. L. Cravens, Lancaster, Ky.

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Members and friends of the Church of God at Hiwassee, Tenn., we want you to come home.

We are very much ashamed of the little we have done for the church here this year, but the folks here have been very kind, patient and generous with us. They have really deprived themselves of things they needed to contribute to our welfare. We wish we were capable of showing our appreciation. Then there have been those special little things, such as a hat for Father's Day, a pair of shoes for Christmas, a shirt here and there, and bedspreads, dresses and other things for Sister Dixon. Sometimes it looks like they are always looking for some little special occasion, that they may do something nice for us. We feel so powerless to show our appreciation, but we pray the Lord will especially bless them for their kindness to us. We know He will.

Now we are planning a "home-coming" for Aug. 6, to begin a revival. We want those good brethren who fought through the pioneering days, when pioneering was a reality instead of something read in a book, to come and tell us of those days. We want those members who found the Lord in those days to come and visit us. We want our friends who knew us before we came here to come and visit us. Most of all, we want you to bring the old time power and presence of the Lord with you. Bring fellowship, bring love, bring a smile, bring glory, bring your music, bring your songs. Let's sing, let's pray, let's shout. Start praying now for the Lord to be here in advance. We are planning to begin a revival with the home-coming. Please start praying now for the Lord to give us the greatest revival of our lives. Fast and pray and come stay with us through the revival.

We are planning dinner at the church, and we would be glad you would drop us a card telling us how many you will bring with you.

We have sent special invitations to some whose addresses we have, but this is a special invitation to you wherever you are and not just an invitation, a request.—Yours for a great day in the Lord, A. B. Dixon, Rt. 3, Madisonville, Tenn., for the Church of God at Hiwassee.

There will be home coming at the Church of God at McVeigh, Ky. August 13, followed by a revival, Ora Mae Ruff in charge. Everybody come, bring well-filled baskets and stay all day. Services begin at 10:00 a. m. and close at 3:00 p. m. We give all who read this a hearty welcome. Revival starts at 7:45 p. m. If you cannot come please pray that the Lord will give us a great time and many souls will pray through to victory.—T. A. Richard, pastor, Box 124, Pinsonfork, Ky.

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This is to notify the state of Mississippi that the Sunday School banner went to Birds Chapel with a gain of 176; Wm. Springs second, gain 112; McCall Creek third, gain 90. Others making gain—Morgantown 88; Talalah 89; Rocky Hill 43; Starkville 47; Stonefield 28. The Y. P. E. banner went to Talalah with a gain of 110. I would like to say that this Y. P. E. is doing just fine; they haven't a church yet but we are hoping that they will have in the near future. Other Y. P. E's making gain—Flemming Chapel 81; Clay Hill 57; Morgantown 12. Come on, Y. P. E's and let's make our part of the state convention the best ever in the history of the church in Mississippi.—Yours for a greater Y. P. E. and Sunday School.—Roy Douglas, Hattiesburg, Miss.

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There will be a home-coming at the Church of God in Boaz, Ala., July 23. All members and former pastors are cordially invited to be present. Bring a special offering for missions and a well-filled basket. Help us make it a real success.—W. E. Hodo, pastor, 416 Highland Ave., Boaz, Ala.

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There will be a home-coming at the Church of God in Selma, N. C. the fifth Sunday in July. Everyone is invited to come and bring a well-filled basket. Dinner will be served on the grounds. Each church is invited to bring their special singers and music. Come one and all, expecting a high day in Zion.—Mildred Griffis, Selma, N. C.

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We will have home-coming day at Bastian, Va., July 30. We are expecting a wonderful time. Come join us in this big home-coming. Bring your baskets and good singers and let's join hand in hand and make it a great day in the Lord. We are expecting our good overseer, Brother Dorman, to be with us. We want all the good preachers who can to come, we also want our good singers to march along. Everyone is invited.—Pastor G. L. Berry.

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Those who cause a disruption or an unsettled condition to exist among their brethren by word or deed should be the aggressors in submitting, however sincere they might have been in doing so.

Jesus of Nazareth

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ery word that proceedeth from the mouth of God."

As He considers His life He intends to maintain His mission at as high a level as possible and ever keep before Him the perfect ideal. The devil intrudes with another of his devices,—“a lapse from the ideal does no harm, for God's angels have charge over His Son.” Jesus refutes his statement and surmounts the trial with the Word, “Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.” Jesus chooses for the basis of His work a loving service to all mankind, and if He remains true to this ideal it will prove His Sonship with the Father. The tempter makes one other attempt as he offers Him the whole world in return for His allegiance to him, “If thou wilt but fall down and worship ME.” Jesus answered and said, “Get thee hence, Satan, for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God and him only shalt thou serve.” Jesus is our example and we should follow in His steps. 1 Peter 2:21.

“And leaving Nazareth, he came and dwelt in Capernaum, . . . that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet . . . The people which sat in darkness saw great light; and to them which sat in the region and shadow of death light is sprung up. From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, REPENT.” Matt. 4:13-17.

With simplicity Jesus talked informally with the people wherever He found them—in the synagogues, the streets, the countryside, the crossroads, the seashore, and in the open fields. Like John the Baptist, His message was the same to every people, “the kingdom of God is within you,” that is, a free kingdom (salvation) to all, a plan to be demonstrated with love and justice rather than violence and force. Numbers responded to His message because He healed their diseases and soothed their aching hearts.

Jesus chose to assist Him in His great work men who were practical and fundamentally honest, men who were courageous and steady, ambitious and energetic, cautious but unimaginative. He realized that His hour would come, so He must prepare lights to lighten the paths of them that would come after Him, walking in darkness and being led astray by deceitful and ungodly men. He instructed them, reproved them when necessary, placed in their hearts the doctrine and later gave them power to teach it.

Jesus began His ministry without rabbinical authority. It was the custom of the Jews to quote from the law and use for their authority the learned rabbis. Jesus quoted from the law the passages that revealed their sins and did not leave off to mention that His authority came from God. To the religious leaders such

statements were absurd. “Go and sin no more,” “Thy sins be forgiven thee.” This too was absurd and even blasphemy to the leaders of orthodoxy. They defied him with Job 14:4, also Isaiah 43:25, “Who can forgive sins but God only,” Mark 2:7.

Vast crowds thronged about Him with the sick and suffering, the rich and poor, the desperate and sinful, and He did not hesitate to heal them. Although charged of being in league with Beelzebub He never ceased to do good. It is true that Jesus attracted the multitudes, thousands listened to His constructive messages but He never did accept their reward of popularity. Jesus ever kept His Father in regard and gave Him the glory, knowing that He too would soon receive the glory as at the beginning.

To better bring out the thought of God's approval upon Jesus, I wish to mention some instances in the Bible (during His life) where God did manifest His presence:

“The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me; because the Lord hath anointed me to preach glad tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound. To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn,” Isaiah 61:1, 2.

“God anointed Jesus . . . who went about doing good,” Acts 10:38. The adulteress was forgiven her sins. Blind Bartimaeus received his sight. The lame and the halt was made to walk and carry off his bed—(Bethesda); Liberty to the captives even the dead. The disciples were convinced that in Him was life, when they beheld the widow's son raised to life and Lazarus walking from the tomb in which he was dead four days. And by His beautiful words to the damsel, “Damsel, I say unto thee arise.”

“And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent.” John 17:3.

Jesus' chief concern was for His apostles. If they could but get the vision and learn of His divine mission that would enable them to overcome when He was absent from them. One day He called to Him James, Peter, and John and together they ascended mount Hermon and to their surprise when they reached the summit He was transfigured before them. In the vision we see the eternal existence of souls and the preservation of our reward; Moses and Elijah. In the strength of this Jesus stood facing the future with no fear of death nor the cross, knowing that He should soon surmount them and give gifts unto men. The voice of God reassured Him that He was attentive and well pleased, and as they descended

the mount toward Jerusalem all fear was dispelled and a greater zeal spurred Him on to His hour.

When Jesus knew their hearts were determined to deliver Him up to be slain, He pronounced their dire destruction and yielded Himself to the will of God. Matt. 23:29-39. “Verily I say unto you all these things shall come upon this generation.” As He beheld the beautiful city and fervent love blazed in His warm heart, He was moved to tears when He remembered their desolate home. “O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them that are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings and ye would not! Behold your house is left unto you desolate.”

The next few days of Jesus' life were the most sorrowful ones burdened with the sins of the whole world and numbers of His friends turned back and would walked with Him no more, the elders took council against Him and even the Father delivered Him to the will of sinful men. Despite His loneliness and burdened heart, Jesus prayed more earnestly.

Christian friend, allow me to impress this thought upon you, if you're confronted with a trial that presses you beneath its care, make an appointment and commune with the Father. Pray more earnestly and you're sure to find grace to help in the time of need. It may not be the strength of angels, but it will be the refreshing from the presence of the Lord.

Alas; while Jesus was praying alone, the trampling of an on rushing mob was heard. Jesus had said to His Father, “Not as I will, but as thou wilt” so they took Him and led Him away.

Jesus was convicted on charges He strove all His life to avoid, that of a social agitator and revolutionist. The trial was of no authority and upon a false basis. The elders who waited for Him turned away in disgust, the Pharisees and Sadducees envied Him, His own family misunderstood Him, and still He wept for their souls. His own friends betrayed, numbers pulled at His beard, others spat upon Him while others smote Him and cried out, “Deliver thyself thou that buildst the temple in three days.”

This procedure and the scourging was more than the human could withstand. They placed the cross upon the shoulders of another as He slowly trod the way of redemption. When they reached the summit of Golgotha's hill they placed Him upon His cross. In my mind as they forced those nails into the “Word made flesh” all heaven became dark and turned from the scene of the death of its gift, the rocks were rent, the temple's vail was torn asunder, to reveal the crime of the

envious and proud.

The crucifixion was considered the most cruel punishment that could be inflicted. The criminals and slaves died this horrible death. So it was written of Him, "For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him," 2 Cor. 5:21.

All during the life of Christ there had been a continued change, at this interval the human race lost hope. With their Christ in the tomb, and the scorn of Jewish men and rebels' cries, these Christians dispersed and went their way. Peter felt that he was doomed and the others had forgotten His prophecy, "Behold I go before you into Galilee." At the appointed time an immortal being descended from heaven to deliver and loose the pangs of death and remove its sting. Jesus rose from the dead because it was not possible that He should be holden of it.

*Up from the grave He arose,
With a mighty triumph o'er His foes.
He arose a victor from the dark domain,
Now He lives forever with His saints to reign;
He arose, He arose, hallelujah, Christ
arose.*

Upon His next advent to His apostles He confirmed His words and renewed their faith. He invited them to follow Him to Bethany and receive of the glory for which He suffered and shed His BLOOD. While He stood in their midst and blessed them, a cloud received Him out of their sight, the climax of the world's most beautiful life, "JESUS OF NAZARETH, A MAN APPROVED OF GOD."

I Wouldn't Heed

NOKOMIS, Fla.—Dear saints, surely I thank God for good old time religion. Praise His name. He means so much to me. I've never seen a time when I needed Him worse than now. Praise God I'm in the way and the way is in me and I am determined to hold out to the end.

I am so sorry that I let the devil rule and reign in my heart and life for twenty-seven years and didn't accept God when I could have been enjoying His blessings, although God surely is merciful to the sinners as well as the saints. He tried every way, it seemed, to get me to serve Him and I wouldn't heed.

In October, 1936 He took one of my blessed little children to that eternal home of peace and love. Well, I made a start for Jesus and got saved from sin but there I stopped and turned back. The

devil made me believe I couldn't live the life. In January, just three months later, I lost another little two-year-old baby boy, the sweetest thing in all my life, I thought, in a fire of one of my aunt's homes, and oh, what a sad, unbearable time. I thought that I could never overcome and saw the need of my dear Savior, but somehow kept putting Him off until I took sick and almost passed on too, unprepared to meet my God. Oh, I could just see that awful place of torture that I was headed for and it was then again that I promised God to live for Him if He would spare my life one more time. Well, right then and there on the hospital bed He saved my soul and raised me up. In about six months from then Brother Joe McCall came to Nokomis and ran a revival and the Lord wonderfully gave me the Holy Ghost, and I am thanking Him. I'm still standing true,

have no desire to ever turn back, live or die. I want my light to shine out to this world. I want to lead my loved ones on to glory with me. All you saints pray that my husband will be saved before it's too late and that I can go the last mile of the way for Jesus. I have a hard battle.—Mrs. Gladys Tuten.

Got the Light on the Holy Ghost

WARREN, Ohio.—Last November I started to the Church of God out of curiosity, but thank the Lord, I got the light on the Holy Ghost. Last month the Lord took me through to this good blessing. Praise God. That was a night when God was certainly present. Two good saints went down the street at midnight shouting, laughing and praising God.

I was formerly a Nazarene but I am happy to say I'm now a member of the good Church of God. Pray for us at Warren.—LaVern Borton, Leavittsburg, Ohio.

Truth herself is the only one who always knows Error in all of her costumes, and also has power to expose her before all men.

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